



DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
DIVISION OF EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT

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Dear Provider,

DECCD is dedicated to ensuring that the Mississippi Child Care Payment Program functions as efficiently as possible. We are very excited about the upcoming changes with the addition of the Mississippi eChildcare Program. At the public hearing held on October 10, 2012, we heard your concern about the time frame of the pilot phase and we want to be certain that the system works smoothly for parents and child care providers. We have decided to extend our period of pilot testing. Additional pilot testing allows DECCD and Xerox to explore strengthening the process to ensure the highest possible customer service.

What this means:

1. DECCD is expanding the pilot. If you wish to volunteer to participate in the pilot program, please email us at [Deccd.pilot@mdhs.ms.gov](mailto:Deccd.pilot@mdhs.ms.gov) by October 31, 2012.
2. MS eChildcare will not be implemented for Phase 1 or Phase 2 as previously scheduled. Information about rescheduling rollout of this program will be emailed to you well in advance of initiation.
3. All scheduled trainings have been cancelled effective October 15, 2012. Information about rescheduling trainings will be emailed to you well in advance of initiation.
4. Providers not electing to participate in the pilot program will continue to enter time and attendance in the E-Ledger system.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [Deccd.pilot@mdhs.ms.gov](mailto:Deccd.pilot@mdhs.ms.gov).

Thank you for your service to the children and families of Mississippi.

Sincerely,

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